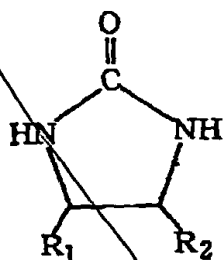


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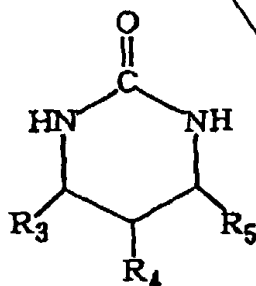
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1. An aqueous ink composition for ink jet comprising a colorant-containing resin fine particle, a pigment fine particle and a polyhydric alcohol, said composition further comprising at least one of a compound represented by the following general formula (I) and a compound represented by the following general formula (II):

General formula (I)



General formula (II)



wherein  $R_1$  to  $R_5$  are independently each a hydrogen atom,  $CH_3$  or  $C_2H_5$ .

2. The aqueous ink composition according to claim 1, wherein the pigment fine particle has a cationic

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hydrophilic group or the pigment fine particle is dispersed with a dispersant having a cationic hydrophilic group, and the resin fine particle has the cationic hydrophilic group.

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3. The aqueous ink composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the pigment fine particle is self-dispersible carbon black to the surface of which at least one hydrophilic group is bonded directly or via another atomic group.

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4. The aqueous ink composition according to claim 1, wherein the resin fine particle has a cationic hydrophilic group on the surface thereof.

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5. The aqueous ink composition according to claim 1, wherein the compound represented by said general formula (I) is contained in an amount of 5 to 15 wt% based on the total weight of the aqueous ink.

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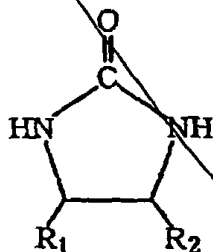
6. The aqueous ink composition according to claim 1, wherein said polyhydric alcohol is at least one selected from a group consisting of glycerin, propylene glycol, 1,5-pentanediol, 1,2,6-hexanetriol, and hexylene glycol, and the amount of said polyhydric alcohol is in a range of 0.1 to 10 wt%.

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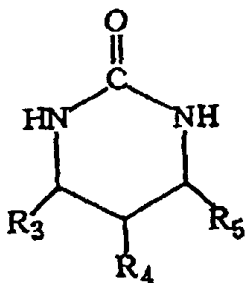
7. The aqueous ink composition according to claim 1, wherein the ink composition is used for ink jet recording.

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8. An ink cartridge comprising an ink container containing an aqueous ink composition for ink jet comprising colorant-containing resin fine particles, pigment fine particles, a polyhydric alcohol, and at least one of a compound represented by the following general formula (I) and a compound represented by the following general formula (II):

General formula (I)



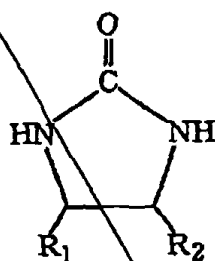
General formula (II)



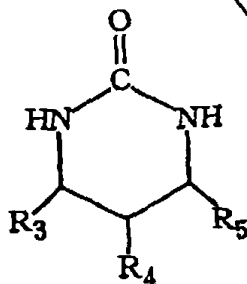
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9. A recording unit comprising an ink container containing an aqueous ink composition for ink jet comprising colorant-containing resin fine particles, pigment fine particles, a polyhydric alcohol, and at least one of a compound represented by the following general formula (I) and a compound represented by the following general formula (II); and an ink jet head for ejecting the ink:

General formula (I)



General formula (II)

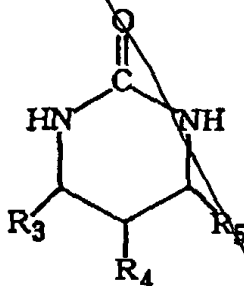


10. An ink jet recording apparatus comprising an ink container containing an aqueous ink composition for ink jet comprising colorant-containing resin fine particles, pigment fine particles, a polyhydric

5 General formula (I)



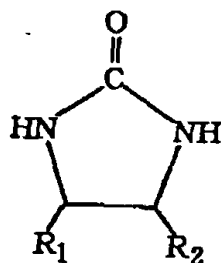
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11. An ink jet recording method comprising a step of applying an aqueous ink composition for ink jet to a recording material by an ink jet process, said aqueous ink composition comprising colorant-containing resin fine particles, pigment fine particles and a polyhydric alcohol, and at least one of a compound represented by the following general formula (I) and a compound represented by the following general formula (II):

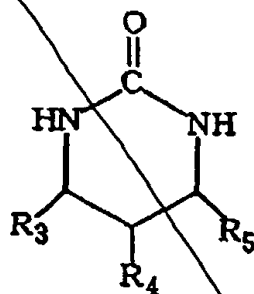
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General formula (I)



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General formula (II)



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